

Safety Protocol 2022

The health and safety of the players, coaches, officials, and spectators are of utmost importance.

Please review the following procedures with your players, coaches, and spectators to ensure a safe playing environment.

GENERAL COVID-19 PROCEDURES

AAL Sports COVID-19 Protocol: (Sports Addendum)

1. Anyone with a Positive COVID-19 diagnosis will not be allowed to be present at any AAL events for the CDC recommended quarantine timeframe and (Players will require a “return to school/normal activities” note from doctor)

- a. Sport League will keep a log with all individuals name and dates of positive and negative COVID results and dates. b. A copy of these reports is to be filed and forwarded to AAL’s secretary as cases are identified.

2. Executive and Sport Board members, Sport members, coaching staff (on either side of the field) and referees have the authority to enforce line items 1.

SIDELINE PROCEDURES

- Only coaches, players, AFF board members, EXBOD board members and official team personnel are allowed on the team’s sideline. All spectators are recommended to remain sit 6 feet apart on the sideline bleachers.
- Players and coaches are to maintain reasonable distances from one another on the sidelines.
- Players are recommended to stand 6 feet apart when possible on the sidelines.

SPECTATOR PROCEDURES

MASKS ARE RECOMMENDED FOR SPECTATORS BUT WILL NOT BE MANDATORY. SOCIAL DISTANCING IS RECOMMENDED!

- Spectators are recommended to remain behind the endzone on either side of the field or sit 6 feet apart on the sideline.
- End zone seating will be the preferred seating for spectators; however, there will be sideline bleachers available for limited seating. Please remain 6 feet apart from other spectators while sitting on the sideline bleachers.
- Pop-up tents and umbrellas are to have a reasonable distance apart behind the endzone. No pop-up tents on the sideline between fields.

ON-FIELD PROCEDURES

- Players should remain a reasonable distance from one another while in the huddle. The use of wristbands or signals are recommended to avoid huddling.
- After each play players should do their best to gain reasonable distance between opposing players.
- Each team is responsible for their own football and flags.
- Teams are recommended to not retrieve an opposing team's football if an incomplete pass.
- Teams are recommended to respectfully drop the opposing team's flag on the ground after a pull to limit person-to-person interaction when handing the flag back.
- Referees will utilize proper 2-man crew mechanics to set the offensive and defensive line of scrimmage from the sideline.

END OF GAME PROCEDURES

- Immediately after the game, the teams will retreat to their respective sidelines, gather all belongings, and exit the sideline OPPOSITE of the next team entering.
- No post game handshakes. Coaches from each team will wave at each other as a display of good sportsmanship on behalf of their teams.
- It is recommended that players sanitize or wash hands for 20 seconds between games.

RESCHEDULING OF GAMES DUE TO COVID

- If a player becomes sick with Covid, he or she will NOT RETURN FOR 10 DAYS and have no symptoms.
- A doctor's note will be required to return to play.
 - a. The Coach will report it to the Sport League. The Sport League will keep a log with all names and dates of positive COVID cases.
 - b. A copy of this log is to be filed and forwarded to AAL's secretary as cases are identified.
- Every attempt will be made to reschedule cancelled games, later in the season.

All AAL members including executive board members, sport board members, coaches, team-moms, referees, players, as well as parents:

- a. Will hereby agree to comply with these COVID-19 specific safety protocols in order to protect and safeguard our community.

Please help us to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all.

Looking forward to great season.

Thank you

AFF Board